

CORRECTED TOTAL REFLECTION REFLECTORS FOR SOLAR RADIATION  
CONCENTRATION SYSTEMS WITH LARGE CONCENTRATION RATIOS  
AND CORRECTED WAVE GUIDES WITH LOW TRANSMISSION LOSSES

BACKGROUND

Construction of Concentrating Photovoltaic (P/V) Systems with conventional parabolic reflectors or with parabolic total reflection reflectors is a well known technology. Yet, current concentrating P/V systems in the market are not cheaper than the conventional, and generally expensive, flat P/V systems. The reason for such market condition is that the construction of parabolic Total Reflection Reflectors (TRRs) from common transparent glass, which would be the cheapest and the most resilient solution, often faces construction difficulties which prevent accomplishing large concentrating ratios.

The main of such difficulties is that the parabolic TRRs from glass have, due to their construction and related technical aspects, rear rectangular prisms with larger height and width than the ones made out of acrylic (compare, for example, the 2-10 mm sizes of those TRRs made of glass with the 0,02-0,2mm of the acrylic ones). In addition, rectangular prisms present diffusion and poor focusing of the solar rays, which typically gets worse exponentially as their height and their width increase, and thus limits drastically the concentration ratios.

Moreover, such optical imperfection limits the use of secondary reflectors employed for the reduction of the solar image size and the achievement of a Narrow Secondary Beam and high level of concentration ratios, which would be necessary for supplying solar radiation to hollow Solar Wave Guides (Solar Arteries) for the injection of such solar radiation into buildings in order to employ it for solar lighting. The same optical imperfection also limits the construction of hollow Solar Wave Guides (Solar Arteries) with small losses for the transfer of the Solar Radiation inside the buildings for the replacement of artificial lightning with solar lighting.

Until today there have been efforts to transfer solar radiation inside buildings by using large diameter fiber optics. Such approach, even for the most clear fiber optic materials, presents great losses for the solar spectrum (e.g., 50% losses for propagation distance of 20-30 meter).

## SUMMARY

The present disclosure relates to the development of total reflection reflectors for the construction of various solar concentrators or other type of concentrating systems with large concentrating ratios for simultaneous production of electrical power and thermal power. The various solar concentrators include concentrative Total Reflection Reflectors with Curved Rectangular Total Reflection Prisms; the TRR disclosed herein do not present the optical imperfection of diffusion and poor focusing of solar rays, in contrast to conventional TRR with rectangular total reflection prisms.

The correction of this optical imperfection can allow the construction of Parabolic TRR made of common transparent glass with large dimensions (height and width ranging from 2-10 mm or larger) of the rectangular prisms of the Parabolic TRR, as it is technically necessary for the glass-based technology, while simultaneously allowing the possibility of excellent focusing with large (real) concentrating ratios (500 or 1000 suns or even more). In addition, the correction of such optical imperfection can made possible the use of Secondary Parabolic or Ellipsoidal Total Reflection Reflectors for the shrinkage of the solar image's size and the achievement of even larger (real) concentrate ratios (over 1500 suns) as well as the creation of the Narrow Secondary Beam of Rays with beam-angles sized from  $5^0$ - $10^0$  for the injection of the solar radiation into Solar Wave guides for transferring the solar radiation inside buildings for solar lighting therein. Moreover, correction of such optical imperfection allows the construction of Solar Wave Guides with minimum losses for efficient transmission of the solar radiation to sufficiently long distances with an acceptable loss-level (e.g., acceptable losses for internal lighting of buildings with solar light).

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Drawing 1a presents a full parabolic Total Reflection Reflector.

Drawing 1b presents a detail (Detail A) of Drawing 1a related to the formulation of the Curved Rectangular Prisms for the correction of the diffusion imperfection of the conventional Parabolic Total Reflection Reflectors; the diffusion imperfection due to the simple Rectangular Prisms.

In Drawing 1c, the typical construction of a hollow Solar Wave-guide with total reflection walls (Solar Artery) is presented.

Drawing 1d presents a detail (Detail A') which shows the implementation of the Curved Rectangular Prisms, which removes the diffusion imperfection of the conventional Solar Artery; the diffusion imperfection related to simple conventional Rectangular Prisms.

Drawing 2 presents a Solar Concentrator System S/S (100<sub>A</sub>) that concentrates solar energy and transforms it into a Narrow Beam for the production of electrical and thermal energy or the injection into hollow Solar Wave-guides (Solar Arteries).

Drawing 3a presents a Solar Concentrator System S/S (500<sub>A</sub>) where a Solar Artery is also used to transfer solar energy into the building for solar lighting.

Drawings 3b and 3c present an Angular Accessory (571<sub>A</sub>) and Multiple Angular Accessory (581<sub>A</sub>) for supplying solar radiation into Solar Arteries.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Below is given the detailed technical description of the Solar Concentrator Systems S/S 500<sub>A</sub>, 100<sub>A</sub>, 600<sub>A</sub>, equipped with the novel corrected parabolic Total Reflection Reflectors (TRR) 001<sub>A</sub> with corrected Hollow Rectangular Prisms (HRP) 007<sub>A</sub> or 007'<sub>A</sub> and with the novel Solar Arteries 551<sub>A</sub> with corrected Hollow Rectangular Prisms 556<sub>A</sub> or 556'<sub>A</sub> for the removal of the optical imperfections diffusion and bad focusing typically present in the conventional parabolic TRR and Solar Arteries (because of the simple Rectangular Prisms), and the achievement of high solar radiation concentration.

### **1. Solar Concentrator System of Single Point Focusing S/S (500<sub>A</sub>) for Solar Lighting, Air-Conditioning and Water-Heating in Buildings**

The Solar Concentrator System S/S 500<sub>A</sub>, which is shown in the Drawings 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 2 and 3a, 3b, 3c, is characterized by the fact that it is equipped with corrected Primary Parabolic Total Reflection Reflector 501<sub>A</sub> and Secondary Ellipsoidal Reflector 201<sub>A</sub> as well as the corrected Solar Arteries 551<sub>A</sub> and the Accessories of the Arteries 571<sub>A</sub> and 581<sub>A</sub>, which are all equipped with Curved Rectangular Prisms (CRP) 007<sub>A</sub>, CRP 007'<sub>A</sub> and 556<sub>A</sub> correspondingly, as all these are shown in the Drawings 1a, 1b, 1c and 1d, and as they are described in Sections 4 and 5 below. The Solar Concentrator System S/S 500<sub>A</sub> removes optical imperfections (e.g., diffusion and poor focusing) of simple, conventional rectangular total reflection prisms.

The Solar Concentrator System S/S 500<sub>A</sub> also is characterized also by the fact that it is designed for the supply of Solar Lighting in a building and the simultaneous production of cooling and thermal energy.

Construction of the Structural Elements of the Solar Concentrator System S/S 500<sub>A</sub> also characterizes it. Such construction is effected as it is described below:

The primary Parabolic Total Reflection Reflector (PTRR) 501<sub>A</sub> (which also is referred to as 101a) consists of a full parabolic reflector or an extract of any form of the full reflector. The primary PTRR 501<sub>A</sub> can consist of for example 1,2,3,4 or even more Tiles of Total Reflection (TTR) 131<sub>A</sub> based on an appropriate parabolic substrate, each one of the TTRs with main dimensions of about 20 cm by about 20cm (e.g., 20cmx20 cm) so that the (TTR) 131<sub>A</sub> can be produced at a low cost by existing automated glass-impression machines. The material of the PTRR 501<sub>A</sub> and TTR 131<sub>A</sub> consists, e.g., of transparent glass without iron oxide or of transparent plastic self-supporting or supported on an appropriate substrate (as it is shown in the Drawings 2 and 3a).

The Front Surface 113<sub>A</sub>, of the TRR 131<sub>A</sub> has a smooth parabolic form, while the Rear-Surface (113<sub>r</sub>) is also parabolic and bas-relief and consists of Corrected Rectangular Prisms 007<sub>A</sub> (which also are referred to as 114<sub>A</sub>), of which the Top Acmes 115<sub>A</sub> converge and meet at the Top 102<sub>A</sub> of the full Parabolic Total Reflection Reflector 101<sub>A</sub>, which coincides here with the primary PTRR 501<sub>A</sub>. The cross-sections of the sides of the Corrected Rectangular Prisms CRP 114<sub>A</sub> or 007<sub>A</sub> are not straight lines but are the corrected curves of the CRP 114<sub>A</sub> or 007<sub>A</sub> so that an accurate focusing is achieved.

The S/S 500<sub>A</sub> has a Symmetry Axis 551<sub>A</sub>, which points to the sun, and the Rotation Axes 512<sub>A</sub> and 512<sub>r</sub>, which are horizontal and vertical axes, respectively. The primary PTRR 501<sub>A</sub> is based on a metallic Supporting Frame 505<sub>A</sub> (e.g., structured as the parabolic plate of a satellite television antenna made of pressed aluminum sheet). The Supporting Frame 505<sub>A</sub> is based on the Vertical Rotation Mechanism 508<sub>A</sub>, which is based on the Horizontal Rotation Mechanism 508<sub>B</sub> (analogous with the mechanisms 108<sub>A</sub> and 109<sub>A</sub> described below). Two Bearings 508<sub>r</sub> enable the Supporting Fram 505A to be based on the Supporting Base 510<sub>B</sub>.

The Secondary Total Reflection Reflector (STRR) 201<sub>A</sub> consists of a full paraboloidal or ellipsoidal reflector depending on whether the STRR 201<sub>A</sub> is placed in front of or behind the Focus 504<sub>A</sub> or 104<sub>A</sub>. In the illustrated embodiment, the STRR 201<sub>A</sub> is placed behind the Focus

504<sub>A</sub> and it is ellipsoidal. In the alternative, the STRR 201<sub>A</sub> can be an extract of any shape [analogous of the corresponding (501<sub>A</sub>)]. The STRR 201<sub>A</sub> is made of the same material as the corresponding 501<sub>A</sub>. The STRR 201<sub>A</sub> can also consist of, e.g., 1,2,3,4 or even more Total Reflection Tiles (TRT) 231<sub>A</sub>, as illustrated in Drawings 2 and 3, and which are based on the metallic Supporting Frame 507<sub>A</sub> which is based on the Supporting Frame 505<sub>A</sub>.

The Front Surface 213<sub>A</sub> of the TRT 231<sub>A</sub> has a smooth ellipsoidal (or ellipsoid of revolution) form while the Rear Surface 213<sub>T</sub> is also ellipsoidal and bas-relief and consists of Corrected Rectangular Prisms 214<sub>A</sub>. The Acmes 215<sub>A</sub> of the CRP 214<sub>A</sub> converge to the Top (202<sub>A</sub>) of the (201<sub>A</sub>), while the cross-sections of the Sides (233<sub>C</sub>) of the Corrected Rectangular Prisms (CRP) 214<sub>A</sub> are not straight-lines but they are the corrected curves of the CRP so that accurate focusing is accomplished.

The primary Total Reflection Reflector 501<sub>A</sub> (corrected with CRP 007<sub>A</sub>) creates the Wide Beam of Rays 052<sub>A</sub>, which impinges onto and is reflected backwards by the Secondary Reflector 201<sub>A</sub>, which in the illustrated embodiment is designed ellipsoidal (or of ellipsoid-of-revolution shape) in appropriate size and is placed behind of the Focus 504<sub>A</sub>, so that it reduces the solar image to a desirable level, and creates the Narrow Beam of Rays 053<sub>A</sub> with a desirable beam angle (e.g. smaller than  $\pm 5^\circ$ ).

Solar Concentrator System S/S 500<sub>A</sub> also possesses a Reflection Medium (231<sub>T</sub>) of the Narrow Beam of Rays 053<sub>A</sub> before it focuses on the Focus 504'<sub>B</sub> (e.g. a Total Reflection Reflector with parallel rear surface total reflection prisms) placed at a 45° angle towards the Narrow Beam Axis 053<sub>A</sub>, close and behind the Focus 504'<sub>B</sub> and close to the Entrance of the Solar Artery 551<sub>A</sub>, so that the Reflection Medium 231<sub>T</sub> reflects the Narrow Beam 053<sub>A</sub> into the Solar Artery 551<sub>A</sub>, which is placed with its opening close to the Focus 504<sub>A</sub> of the reflected Narrow Beam 053<sub>A</sub> and its Axis 553<sub>A</sub>, which is parallel to the axis of 053<sub>A</sub>. In those occasions or during that time of the day when the Solar Lighting is not needed inside a building, the TRR 231<sub>T</sub>, or other installed TRRs, may be removed, and thus the Narrow Beam can focus directly onto a selective black absorbent surface 562<sub>A</sub> which is placed on the Focus 504'<sub>B</sub> which can transfer the heat of the Beam 053<sub>A</sub> into the Working Fluid 502<sub>E</sub>, which can be utilized as hot water or as cooling power used for air-conditioning through the Adsorption Heat Pump 519<sub>A</sub> with Silicagel, etc].

Alternatively, the Reflection Medium 231<sub>I</sub> may be a Cold Mirror 231<sub>I</sub> at a 45° angle towards the Narrow Beam Axis 053<sub>A</sub>, and need not be close to the Focus 504'<sub>B</sub> or close to the Solar Artery 551<sub>A</sub>. Cold mirror 231<sub>I</sub> can only reflect the visible part of the solar radiation spectrum (from  $\lambda=0,4$  until  $\lambda=0,7\mu\text{m}$ ) with a coefficient of reflectivity above 96%, at an angle of 90° towards the Solar Artery 551<sub>A</sub> (which is placed with its Opening at the Focus 504<sub>A</sub> of the Narrow Beam 053<sub>A</sub> and its Axis 553<sub>A</sub> parallel to the axis of 053<sub>A</sub>), while Cold Mirror 231<sub>I</sub> will allow the infrared (IR) part of the spectrum (from  $\lambda=0,7$  to  $\lambda=2,4\mu\text{m}$ ) to get through it with few absorption losses of the order of 5-10%. The IR part of the Narrow Beam 053<sub>A</sub> will focus straight onto a selective black Absorbing Surface 562<sub>A</sub> placed at the Focus (504'<sub>A</sub>), which will transfer the heat of the IR Beam 053<sub>A</sub> to the Working Fluid 502<sub>E</sub> (which will be utilized as hot water or as cooling power used for air-conditioning through the Adsorption Heat Pump 519<sub>A</sub> with silicagel, etc.) avoiding at the same time transferring the heat of the IR part of the solar radiation spectrum into the building, saving in that way the corresponding power of the chiller of the air-conditioning units of the building.

The reflected Narrow Beam of Rays 053<sub>A</sub> will be focused on the Center (552<sub>A</sub>) of the Solar Artery (551<sub>A</sub>), which is placed close to the final Focus (504<sub>B</sub>) with the Axis (553<sub>A</sub>) of the Solar Artery parallel to the Narrow Beam Axis (053<sub>A</sub>). The Solar Artery (551<sub>A</sub>) is constructed as described below in Section 5. Subsequently, the Narrow Beam 053<sub>A</sub> of the total or just of the visible part of the solar radiation spectrum, through the Solar Arteries 551<sub>A</sub> is transferred to the interior of the building so that it is used for natural lighting through special Solar Lighting Fixtures (SLF) 591<sub>A</sub>.

For one or many primary Reflectors 501<sub>A</sub> concentrating the Solar Radiation, which have been arranged on a fixed basis or on a rotating basis, which floats, the Solar Arteries 551<sub>A</sub> of each Basic Reflector 501<sub>A</sub> are gathered through Angled Accessories 571<sub>A</sub> to the Main Multiple Angled Accessory 581<sub>A</sub> with which each Solar Beam 053<sub>A</sub> of the Solar Arteries 551<sub>A</sub> of each Basic Reflector 501<sub>A</sub> are inserted into the Main Artery 551'<sub>A</sub> and transferred to the interior of the building where the Solar Radiation (053<sub>A</sub>) is distributed in reverse way to each floor by Multiple Angled Accessories 581<sub>A</sub> to smaller Arteries that transmit the light to the rooms intended to be illuminated and wherein the final distribution to lighting fixtures is effected either by Solar Arteries 551<sub>A</sub> of small diameter or by optical fibers of large diameter.

For the achievement of constant level of lighting into the rooms, when the intensity of the available solar radiation changes, there will be conventional fluorescent lamps which through a dimmer will keep the lighting level constant, increasing or decreasing correspondingly the lighting flux of the fluorescent lamps.

A first approximation of the energy production or the energy substitution resulting from the Solar Concentrator System S/S 500<sub>A</sub> in the case of using the Cold Mirror 231<sub>Γ</sub> is the following:

Each KW of incoming solar radiation corresponding to solar radiation received at an Ideal Solar Location (ISL) with 0% diffuse radiation and 100% straight radiation at noon with clear sky and AM1,5, and with an aperture of one square meter of primary Reflector 501<sub>A</sub>, when it is split into visible and infrared (IR) radiation, it will provide approximately 500W visible and 500W IR radiation. From the 500W of visible light, using Total Reflection Reflectors and the Solar Arteries described above, approximately 80% of that radiation will be transmitted to the Solar Lighting Fixtures 591<sub>A</sub> inside the building. It is known that each W of visible solar light corresponds to 200 lm (compared with approximately 60 lm/W for the state of the art fluorescent lamps which are used for the internal lighting of the buildings). Accordingly, 400W of transmitted visible light will give 80,000 lm which will substitute  $80,000/60 = 1330$  W of electrical energy (=33 fluorescent lamps of 40W ). Moreover they will substitute another 400W of electrical energy, which would have been required from the air-cooled chillers (with COP=2,3) in order to remove  $1330-400=930W_{th}$  thermal load, which remains behind due to the operation of the 1330 W fluorescent lamps.

On the other hand, the IR radiation that focuses at the Focus (504<sub>B</sub>) on the Absorbing Surface (562<sub>A</sub>) will have approximately 15% losses due to reflection and absorption at the Cold Mirror 531<sub>Γ</sub> and emission from the Selective Absorbing Surface (562<sub>A</sub>). Which means that the power of the IR radiation which will be delivered to the Absorbing Surface 562<sub>A</sub> will be equal to  $500 \times 0,85 = 425W$ . The latter power will be transferred by the Heating Pump 519<sub>A</sub> (Absorbing or Adsorbing) to the Working Fluid 502<sub>E</sub> as above, producing  $425W_{th}$  of hot water during the winter, or it will be transformed into cooling power (as chilled water, with COP 0,7 till 0,9 average 0,8 due to the higher permissible temperatures of hot water) equal to  $435 \times 0,8 = 340$  W for air-conditioning units during the summer, thus substituting  $340/2,3 = 150$  W of electrical power of the air-cooled chillers, which would have been required by them for the same cooling power.

At the same time, the Silicagel Adsorption Heat-Pump 519<sub>A</sub> (which can transform hot water of 60°-90°C into cold water of 7°/12°C for air-conditioning with a COP of 0,7 approximately) will produce in parallel an intermediate stream of lukewarm water of 30°-32°C from the condensation of the water vapor during the adsorption cycle with a thermal power of approximately 425W, appropriate for pool- heating or for warming-up of domestic hot water etc. The total attribution of the IR part of the solar radiation will be 150W of substituted electric energy of air-conditioning plus 425W of lukewarm water during the summer or 425W of hot water during the winter.

Thus, the Solar Concentrator System S/S (500<sub>A</sub>) can produce or substitute for each KW of incoming Solar Energy (which corresponds approximately to 1 m<sup>2</sup> of aperture surface of a primary Reflector for an ISL):

- For the part of the Visible Spectrum

- 1330W of substituted electrical energy for building lighting (substitution of 33 fluorescent lamps approximately)

- 400W of substituted electrical energy for air-conditioning

- For the part of I/F Radiation (only hot water and air-condition without P/V):

- 150 W of substituted electrical energy for air-conditioning plus

- 425W for the production of lukewarm water during the summer and

- 425W for the production of hot water during the winter

-Total: 1880W of substituted electrical energy and 425W of lukewarm water during the summer and 1330W of substituted electrical energy plus 425W of hot water during the winter.

This means more than 2,30 KWp during the summer and approximately 1,75 KWp during the winter of substituted or produced electrical and thermal energy for each KWp of incoming solar energy.

Compared with conventional P/V Systems, which produce approximately 120 to 180Wp of electric energy for each 1000 Wp of incoming solar energy, the present Solar Concentrator System S/S 500<sub>A,B</sub> produces or substitutes more than 10 times in electrical and 3 times in thermal or cooling power (for hot water or air-conditioning power) in an affordable price, which will allow the amortization of the Solar Concentrator System S/S 500<sub>A</sub> in less than 3 years, even without incentives.

**2. Solar Concentrator System of Single Point Focus S/S 100<sub>A</sub>**

The S/S 100<sub>A</sub>, which is described herein and shown in the Drawing 2 is characterized by the fact that it includes a full primary Parabolic Reflector of Total (or even simple conventional) Reflection (PRTR) 101<sub>A</sub> with Top the point 102<sub>A</sub>. In the S/S 100<sub>A</sub>, the Solar Rays 051<sub>A</sub>, after their incidence on the primary PRTR (101<sub>A</sub>), create the first reflected Wide Beam of Rays 052<sub>A</sub>, which focus on the Focus 104<sub>A</sub> and either they are utilized directly there focusing on the P/V Cells 302<sub>A</sub> with the help of the Auxiliary Reflector 363<sub>A</sub> or alternatively after they reflect on the Secondary Reflector 201<sub>A</sub> (which is supported with the Brackets 207<sub>A</sub> on the Ring 105<sub>A</sub>), they create the Narrow Beam of Rays 053<sub>A</sub>, which reaches the Final Focus 201<sub>A</sub> and focuses there on the P/V Cells 302<sub>A</sub> with the help of the Auxiliary 363<sub>B</sub> as well, which are based on the Ring 105<sub>Γ</sub>. The Reflector 101<sub>A</sub> is based on the metallic Supporting Rings 105<sub>A</sub> (External) and 105<sub>C</sub> (Internal), which are supported by the metallic Supporting Brackets 107<sub>A</sub>, which are based on the Horizontal Rotating Head 108<sub>A</sub>. The Head 108<sub>A</sub> is based on the Pillar / Vertical Rotating Mechanism 109<sub>A</sub>, which is based on the Base 110<sub>A</sub>.

The Total Reflection Reflector 101<sub>A</sub> consists, e.g., of transparent water-clear glass without iron oxides (one-piece for small surfaces, or Total Reflection Tiles (TRT) 131<sub>A</sub>, which consist part of the Parabolic Surface 113'<sub>A</sub> for larger surfaces based on an appropriate parabolic substrate) or of transparent plastic self-supporting or based on an appropriate substrate. The Front Surface 113<sub>A</sub> of the 113'<sub>A</sub> has a smooth parabolic form, while the Rear Surface 113<sub>Γ</sub> has a bas-relief parabolic form and is parallel with the 113<sub>A</sub> and consists of Corrected Curved Rectangular Prisms 114<sub>A</sub> or 007<sub>A</sub>, of which the Top Acmes 115<sub>A</sub> converge and meet at the Top 102<sub>A</sub> of the Reflector 101<sub>A</sub>. Moreover we have the Symmetry Axis 111<sub>A</sub> (which aims to the Sun) and the Rotation Axes 112<sub>A</sub> and 112<sub>Γ</sub> (Vertical and Horizontal, respectively).

The Secondary Reflector 201<sub>A</sub> has a paraboloid or ellipsoid form by rotation (depending on whether it is placed in front or in the back of the corresponding Focus 104<sub>A</sub> or 504<sub>A</sub>; in the illustrated embodiment, it is designed as an ellipsoid for reducing the solar image) and may consist of 1,2,3,4 or even more Total Reflection Tiles (TRT) 231<sub>A</sub>. For TRT 231<sub>A</sub>, the Front Surface 231<sub>r</sub> is smooth ellipsoid, while the Rear Surface (213<sub>Γ</sub>) is bas-relief ellipsoid and parallel to the 213<sub>A</sub>, and consists of Corrected Curved Rectangular Prisms (CRP) 214<sub>A</sub>, of which the Top Acmes 215<sub>A</sub> converge and meet at the top 202<sub>A</sub> of the Reflector 201<sub>A</sub>.

### **3. The Solar Concentrator System S/S 600<sub>A</sub> for Solar Lighting, Solar Air-Conditioning, Solar Water Heating and Electrical Energy from P/V.**

The Solar Concentrator System S/S 600<sub>A</sub> which is shown in the Drawings 3a, 3b, 3c is constructed like the Solar Concentrator System S/S 500<sub>A</sub>, but it is characterized by the fact that it is designed for the production of Electrical Energy in addition to Solar Lighting and the production of Cooling or Heating power of the S/S 500<sub>A</sub> by adding the Structural Elements which are related to P/V (the P/V Cells (302<sub>A</sub>), the focus Auxiliary Reflectors (363<sub>A</sub>), the Cables (340<sub>A</sub>) and the batteries or the Inverters) to those ones of the S/S 500<sub>A</sub> as mentioned below. All the Structural Elements (S/E) of the S/S 600<sub>A</sub>, which are similar to those ones of the S/S 500<sub>A</sub> and to those ones of the S/S 100<sub>A</sub>, are named with the same names and code numbers as the corresponding of the S/S 500<sub>A</sub> and S/S 100<sub>A</sub>, but they change the first code number from the 5 or 1 to 6 (for example, the Vertical Rotating Axis 512<sub>A</sub> of the S/S 500<sub>A</sub> changes to 612<sub>A</sub> in the S/S 600<sub>A</sub>, while the 302<sub>A</sub>, 363<sub>A</sub> and 340<sub>A</sub> of the S/S 100<sub>A</sub> change to 602<sub>A</sub>, 663<sub>A</sub> and 640<sub>A</sub> in the S/S 600<sub>A</sub> correspondingly) and are modified correspondingly for the functional form of the S/S 600<sub>A</sub> (for example, the Absorbing Surfaces 662<sub>A</sub> do not need any more to be covered with selective absorbing radiation layer and the P/V Cells 602<sub>A</sub> may be sensitive to the IR).

For this purpose the P/V Cells IR 602<sub>A</sub>, the Cables and the Auxiliary Reflectors 663<sub>A</sub> are added on top of the heat Absorbing Surfaces 662<sub>A</sub> behind the Cold Reflector 631<sub>r</sub> on the Final Focus 604<sub>B</sub>, thus exploiting the incident concentrated radiation first for the production of P/V electrical energy and afterwards for the production of hot water as above.

### **4. Corrected Parabolic and Paraboloid or Ellipsoid Total Reflection Reflectors with Curved Rectangular Prisms.**

In the following, a detailed technical description of the construction of the novel parabolic Total Reflection Reflectors (TRR) (001<sub>A</sub>) with Curved Rectangular Prisms (CRP) (007<sub>A</sub>) for the correction of the optical imperfection of diffusion and poor focusing of the conventional parabolic TRR (due to the simple rectangular prisms) and the accomplishment of high concentration ratios is provided.

In Drawing 1a, a full parabolic Total Reflection Reflector (001<sub>A</sub>) is shown, which is characterized by the fact that it is equipped with the exterior Bas-relief Surface 002<sub>A</sub>, which bears Curved Rectangular Prisms (CRP) 007<sub>A</sub> as they are shown in the Drawing 1b. In the

Detail A in Drawing 1b, the Rectangular Prism  $H_1\Theta H_2=007_A$  is shown, which arises from a section of the External Surface (002<sub>A</sub>) with the Plane 013<sub>A</sub> normal to the tangential of the Acme 012<sub>A</sub> of the (not yet corrected) Rectangular Prism 007<sub>A</sub> at the Point  $\Theta$ . The plane 013<sub>A</sub> is normal to the Internal Surface 004<sub>A</sub> at the point  $O_1$  and its section with the (004<sub>A</sub>) in the area of the Point  $O_1$  is with great approximation a Periphery  $\Pi_1$  of a circle with a radiant  $O_1E=\sqrt{2}xO_1E_0$ .

For the sake of simplicity, it is assumed that the Focus  $E_0$  of the (001<sub>A</sub>) is located on the section of the Plane 005<sub>A</sub> with the Axis 003<sub>A</sub>, that the Point  $K'_1$  is located on the Periphery (005<sub>A</sub>) and that the Periphery  $\Pi_1=(013_A)$  has a Diameter  $\Delta_1=360\text{cm}/p=114,6\text{cm}$  and, consequently, the length of the Periphery  $\Pi_1=013_A$  equals with  $\frac{360}{\pi}\pi=360\text{ cm}$ . Further assuming that the parabolic TRR (001<sub>A</sub>) includes 150 Rectangular Prisms (007<sub>A</sub>), results that the width of each Rectangular Prism (007<sub>A</sub>) corresponds on the  $\Pi_1=(013_A)$  to an arc with length of 2,4 cm or to an angle  $\varphi=2,4^\circ$ .

It is considered the vector Component  $AK'_1$  of the incident Solar Ray  $006_A=A_0K'^1_{10}$ , which coincides with the section  $K'_1E$  of the plane that is defined by the incident Solar Ray (006<sub>A</sub>)= $A_0K'^1_{10}$  in combination with its parallel Axis 003<sub>A</sub> of the (not corrected yet) parabolic TRR 001<sub>A</sub> with the Plane 013<sub>A</sub>. The Ray  $AK'_1=K'_1E$  falls vertical on the Periphery 013<sub>A</sub> at the point  $K'_1$  at the area of the (not corrected yet) Rectangular Prism 007<sub>A</sub> (where  $O_1K'_1=1,0\text{ cm}$  and ( $k_1=1^\circ$ ), penetrates at a straight line to the interior of the Rectangular Prism 007<sub>A</sub> and falls onto the Side  $H_1\Theta$  to the point  $K_1$  under an angle of  $44^\circ$  to the vertical  $K_1\Lambda_1$  and is reflected under an angle of  $44^\circ$  and intercepts the Side  $QH_2$  at the point  $K_2$  under an angle of  $46^\circ$  to the Vertical  $K_2\Lambda_2$  and is reflected under an angle of  $46^\circ$  to it and emerges from the TRR 001<sub>A</sub> at the point  $K'_2$  under an angle of  $3^\circ$  as to the  $K'_2\Delta''$  (which is vertical to the Tangent  $K'_2O_1''$  of the Periphery  $\Pi_1=013_A$  at the Point  $K'_2$ ). The Vertical  $K'_2\Delta''$  comes through the Center E of the Periphery  $\Pi_1=013_A$  and is the desirable route of the projection of the emerging Ray  $K'_2\Delta$  in order that it focuses at E and consequently the real Ray  $K'_2\Delta''_0$  focuses at  $E_0^1$ .

Accordingly, it is proved that a conventional Rectangular Total Reflection Prism presents an aberration angle  $\varphi_4$  (Convergence Aberration) of the emerging vector component Ray  $K'_2\Delta$  (after the Total Reflection of the vector component Ray  $AK'_1$  as above) as to the desirable

routing  $K'_2\Delta$ " for accurate focusing that is equal to  $3\varphi_1$  (where  $\varphi_1$  is the angle that corresponds to the arc  $O_1K'_1$ ), and the same Convergence Aberration presents the real emerging Ray  $K'_{20}\Delta''_0$ .

It is therefore obvious that due to the existence of the Convergence Aberration ( $\varphi_4=3\varphi_1$ , in order to have a tolerable Focusing with conventional (not corrected) parabolic TRR, these must be obligatorily of a very small thickness wall, e.g., of colorless plastic (acrylic, etc.) and the height and width of their Rectangular Prisms to be as small as possible so that the Convergence Aberration is as small as possible correspondingly, [because the  $\varphi_1$  is almost straight proportional with the height  $008_A = 1/2$  width of  $009_A$  of the corresponding Rectangular Prism  $007_A$  for a given Diameter  $D=010_A = 005_A$  of the Parabolic TRR  $001_A$ ].

In contrast in the parabolic TRR made of common water clear glass with  $n=1,5$  and dimensions of height-width of the Rectangular Prism of the order of 2-10 mm as above, if the correction of the Convergence Aberration  $\varphi_4=3\varphi_1$  will not be done with Curved Rectangular Prisms  $007_A$  as given below, then the Convergence Aberration for the previous example with Periphery  $\Pi_1 = 013_A = 114,6$  cm and  $D=005_A = \frac{114,6}{\sqrt{2}}=81$  cm and Height  $008_A = 1/2$  Width  $009_A$  of the Rectangular Prism in the Periphery  $\Pi_1=013_A$  equal to 1,2 cm, incidence of the Ray A at a distance  $O_1K_1=1,0$ cm from the Point  $O_1$  and Focusing Distance  $K'_{20}E_0 = \frac{114,6}{\sqrt{2}} = 81$  cm, we will have  $\varphi_1=1^\circ$  and  $\varphi_4=3^\circ$  and an aberration of the Reflected Ray  $K'_{20}\Delta_0$  from the Point  $E_0$  of the Focus equal to  $81 \cdot \tan 3^\circ = 4,25$ cm (for Rays  $A_1$  incident to the Point  $H_1$  the aberration grows larger than 5,1 cm). Consequently the theoretical ratio of concentration is limited below 250 (and in the reality due to imperfections of the projection the Solar Image etc even more) with a consequence that such a parabolic TRR is completely inappropriate for P/V Concentrating Systems with concentrating ratios larger than 200 or even less.

<sup>1</sup>For this analysis, it has been assumed a diffraction coefficient  $n=1,5$  for common transparent glass and that  $\sin\varphi_4/\sin\varphi_3 = 1,5 = \varphi_4/\varphi_3$  with a very good approximation due to the very small angles  $\varphi_4$  and  $\varphi_3$ .

Therefore in order to have an accurate focusing of the Emerging Ray  $K'_{20}\Delta''_0$ , this and the vector component Ray  $K'_2\Delta$  must take the direction of the straight line  $K'_2\Delta''$  which is vertical to the tangent  $K'_2O_1''$  at the point  $K'_2$  and therefore passes through the Center of the Periphery  $\Pi_1 = 013_A$  so that the real Ray  $K'_{20}\Delta''_0$  comes through the Focus  $E_0$  (in the following, and as above, the analysis will be made for the vector components on the plane of  $\Pi_1 = 013_A$ , which will be valid for the real Rays as well).

This means that the vector component  $K'_2\Delta$  of the Ray  $K'_{20}\Delta_0$  must be turned counterclockwise (to the left) by an angle of  $\varphi_4 = 3\varphi_1$  and for  $n=1,5$  the vector component  $K'_2\Delta$  of the Ray  $K_{20}K'_{20}$  in the Rectangular Glass Prism (007<sub>a</sub>) must be turned counterclockwise by an angle of  $3\varphi_1/1.5 = 2\varphi_1$  which means that the sides  $H_1\Theta$  and  $\Theta H_2$  must be turned at the points  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  (the  $H_1\Theta$  clockwise (to the right) and the  $\Theta H_2$  counterclockwise correspondingly) by an angle of  $\varphi_1/2$  each of them.

At the specific example above, in order to have the revolution of the vector component Ray  $K'_2\Delta$  by an angle of  $3^\circ$  (so that it coincides with the vertical  $K'_2\Delta''$  and route through the Focus E) the side  $H_1\Theta$  must be turned around the point of total reflection  $K_1$  clockwise by  $1,0^\circ/2=0,5^\circ$  (consequently the vector component Ray  $K_1K_2$  will be turned clockwise, according to the clock hands, by  $0,5^\circ \times 2 = 1,0^\circ$ ) and the side  $H_2\Theta$  must be turned around the point of total reflection  $K_2$  counterclockwise by  $1,0^\circ/2=0,5^\circ$  (and consequently the vector component Ray  $K_2K'_2$  will be turned counterclockwise, opposite to the clock hands, by  $0,5^\circ \times 2 = 1,0^\circ$ ). Thus, in total, the vector component Ray  $K_2K'_2$  will be turned counterclockwise by  $1,0^\circ + 1,0^\circ = 2,0^\circ$  and the  $K_2\Delta$  will be turned counterclockwise by  $2,0^\circ \times 2 = 4,0^\circ$  and will coincide with the direction  $K_2\Delta''$ , which is vertical onto the tangent  $K'_2O''_1$  at the point  $K'_2$  (and consequently it will be routed through the Focus E). It is thus proved that in order to focus correctly the reflected rays emerging by total reflection from a parabolic or ellipsoidal or paraboloidal<sup>2</sup> reflector with a rear surface formulated into converging

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<sup>2</sup>The analysis is effected on the projections of the Rays 006<sub>A</sub> on the plane of the  $\Pi = 013_A$ . Consequently are valid go what are mentioned also for the case of the paraboloidal or ellipsoidal (TRR) 001'<sub>A</sub> onto which the incident rays  $A'=006'_A$  are not parallel to the Axis 003'<sub>A</sub> of the 001'<sub>A</sub> but they originate from a Point 012'<sub>A</sub> of the Axis 003'<sub>A</sub> of the Paraboloidal (TRR) 001'<sub>A</sub>.

(at the top of the parabolic or ellipsoidal or paraboloidal reflector) rectangular prisms, then the sides of the rectangular prisms must be rectangular only in a small ( $dz$ ) area around the top  $\Theta'$  of each Curved Rectangular Prism 007<sub>A</sub>.

- At whatsoever other point of them the sides of each rectangular prism must appear,
- 5 at their projection on a plane vertical to the Acme 012<sub>A</sub> of the Parabolic TRR 001<sub>A</sub>,  
 an angle of curvature ( $\varphi_2$  equal with the half of the angle  $\varphi_1$ , where  $\varphi_1$  is the angle formatted by the tangent of the internal Periphery  $\Pi_1=013_A$  at the point  $K'_1$  as above with the tangent of the Periphery  $\Pi_1=013_A$  at the Central Point  $O_1$ . This means that  $\varphi_2 = 1/2 \varphi_1$  at each point  $K_1$  of the sides of a Curved Rectangular Prism 007<sub>A</sub> where the relative each time  $K_1$  corresponds to the
- 10 each time Points of interception of the incoming vertically (onto the internal Periphery  $\Pi_1=013_A$ ) vector components of the Rays  $A_o$  onto the relative Side  $H_1\Theta$  of the Rectangular Prism 007<sub>A</sub> (the analysis is effected with the vector components of the rays on the plane of the  $\Pi_1=013_A$  as above.

- In this way, each Side  $\Theta'H'_1$  and  $\Theta'H'_2$  of the Curved Rectangular Prism  $H'_1\Theta H'_2=$
- 15 007<sub>A</sub> made of for example common water clear glass (with a diffraction index  $n=1.5$ ), it will present an increasing curvature in relation to the corresponding Sides  $\Theta H_1$  and  $\Theta H_2$  of the Rectangular Prism  $H_1\Theta H_2$ , whose angle of curvature  $\varphi_2$  at the each time Point  $K'_1$  or  $K'_2$  of the  $\Theta'H'_1$  and  $\Theta'H'_2$  will be equal with great approximation with the half of the corresponding angle  $\varphi_1$  at the each time points  $K'_1$  or  $K'_2$  of the internal Periphery  $\Pi_1$  as above, while at the top  $\Theta'$  we
- 20 will have a rectangular intersection of the  $\Theta H'_1$  and  $\Theta H'_2$ .

- The need for the construction of parabolic or ellipsoidal or paraboloidal TRR 001<sub>A</sub> or 201<sub>A</sub> or 201'<sub>A</sub> with curved Rectangular Prisms as above, becomes even more compulsory when it desired to employ ellipsoidal or paraboloidal Secondary Reflectors 201<sub>A</sub> or 201'<sub>A</sub> or 231<sub>A</sub> which must transfer the Focus 204<sub>A</sub> or 504<sub>B</sub> behind the Primary Reflector 001<sub>A</sub> or 101<sub>A</sub> or 501<sub>A</sub>
- 25 shrinking or reducing the Solar Image in order to accomplish large concentration ratios (over 1500 suns). In this case the focusing must be accurate both in the Primary as well as in the Secondary Reflector, which needs also relative Curved Rectangular Prisms 007<sub>A</sub> as above, but where the exact relationship amongst the each angle  $\varphi_2$  and the corresponding angle  $\varphi_1$ , both in the each time Primary and the Secondary Ellipsoidal or Paraboloidal Reflector, will be

determined by a suitable Computer program depending on current needs of focusing as described above.

## **5. Corrected Solar Arteries and Solar-Arteries-Grid-Elements with Curved Rectangular**

### **Prisms**

Another application where the construction of TRR with Curved Rectangular Prisms is needed is the manufacturing of hollow Solar Wave-Guides (Solar Arteries) with small losses or small leakage of radiation to the outside, so that transportation of Solar Radiation in great distances with acceptable losses is achieved, for example for the transportation of solar radiation inside a building for the substitution of artificial with solar lighting. The Drawing 1c shows the typical construction of a hollow Solar Wave-guide with total reflection walls (Solar Artery). The Drawing 1d shows the Detail A, which shows the implementation of Curved Rectangular Prisms that raises the optical imperfection of diffusion in a conventional Solar Artery (due to the conventional Rectangular Prisms). The Solar Artery 551<sub>A</sub> consists of a hollow Pipe with thin Walls 554<sub>A</sub> from transparent material with very small absorption-factor of solar radiation for example special transparent plastics or other clear materials by which are manufactured optical fibers, as the PMMA or the fused silica or even transparent glasses without iron-oxides. The internal wall of the Pipe is smooth, cylindrical with a diameter from a few centimeters (or smaller) up to tens of centimeters (or bigger). The external wall of the pipe is bas-relief and is constituted by many, parallel between them (and to the axis 553<sub>A</sub> of the Pipe), Curved Rectangular Prisms 556<sub>A</sub> as these are defined below.

The Walls 554<sub>A</sub> of the Solar Arteries have their Internal Surface smooth, cylindrical, while their external surface is also cylindrical, bas-relief with parallel and at the same time Curved Rectangular Prisms 556<sub>A</sub>, whose Acmes 557<sub>A</sub> are parallel to the Axis 553<sub>A</sub> of the Solar Artery and their Acmes-Angles 558<sub>A</sub> will be 90° only in a small area near the Acmes-Angles 558<sub>A</sub>. The external surface of the Curved Rectangular Prisms 556<sub>A</sub> will be covered with a suitable transparent Protective Layer 562<sub>A</sub>, as those that are used for the protection of the external surface of the optical fibers in the telecommunications and finally this will be protected by an External Plastic Mantle 563<sub>A</sub>. The diameter of the Solar Artery 551<sub>A</sub> will be big enough so that the focused Narrow Beam 053<sub>A</sub> at the end of the 551<sub>A</sub> near the focus will be inside a circle of optical angle e.g. 10°-20°, when we look at it from the Periphery 555<sub>A</sub> of the section of the

Artery 551<sub>A</sub> towards the Center 552<sub>A</sub> (dependent upon the index of refraction of the transparent material of the) Artery Walls 554<sub>A</sub>) in order to be inside the total reflection angle of the Curved Rectangular Prisms 556<sub>A</sub> as well as the relative angle of the Solar-Arteries-Elements 571<sub>A</sub> and 581<sub>A</sub> equipped with Total Reflection Reflectors 571<sub>A</sub> and 581<sub>A</sub> as they are mentioned below.

5 A Beam of Rays 053<sub>A</sub> (Beam) must enter into such a Solar Artery 551<sub>A</sub> from its one end in such a way that the Focusing Point 504'<sub>B</sub> of the Beam 053<sub>B</sub> coincides with the Center of the Opening 552<sub>A</sub> of the Solar Artery 551<sub>A</sub> and the Symmetry-Axis of the Beam 053<sub>A</sub> to coincide with the Symmetry-Axis 553<sub>A</sub> of the Solar Artery. The Focusing Point (504'<sub>B</sub>) of the Beam 053<sub>A</sub> is actually not a point but a Circle  $\Pi_2$  with a Diameter ( $\Delta_2$ ), where ( $\Delta_2$ ) < ( $\Delta$ ) = Diameter of the

10 Solar Artery, that will be named Entry-Circle 560<sub>A</sub>. In the illustrated embodiment, the diameter of the Entry-Circle 560<sub>A</sub> of the Beam 053<sub>A</sub> should appear from any point of the Internal Walls 555<sub>A</sub> of the Solar Artery 551<sub>A</sub> under an angle smaller than  $2\psi^*5^\circ$  (where the factor  $\psi > 1$  becomes greater as long as the opening-angle of the Beam becomes smaller e.g. for an opening-angle of the Beam equal to  $\pm 5^\circ$  and index of refraction  $n = 1,5$  the Diameter of the Entry-Circle can

15 become equal with the Internal Diameter of the Solar Artery). The above condition is necessary in order for any Beam of Rays 053<sub>A</sub> to be incident onto the internal surface of any Curved Rectangular Prism 556<sub>A</sub> with an angle smaller than  $\psi^*5^\circ$  for an index of refraction  $n = 1,5$  so that we have total reflection of the Solar Beam 053<sub>A</sub> from any Curved Rectangular Prism 556<sub>A</sub> found in their way.

20 In order to be possible to implement the requirement of incidence under angle  $\pm \psi^*5^\circ$  (where  $\psi^*5^\circ$  = the projection of  $\psi^*5^\circ$  in a level vertical to the Axis 553<sub>A</sub>) relative to the radius of the  $\Delta_1$  at any point of the internal periphery  $\Delta_1$  of the 555<sub>A</sub>, the incoming Beam of Rays 053<sub>A</sub> must have an Entry-Circle with Diameter  $\Delta_2 < \Delta$  and an opening-angle  $\phi$  smaller or equal to  $\pm \psi^*5^\circ$  relative to its axis of transmission, where  $0 < \psi < 45/9$ .

25 The correction which is imposed by the structure of the Curved Rectangular Prisms causes a behavior in the total reflection of rays in such a way that the projection on a level  $\Pi$  vertical to the Axis 553<sub>A</sub> of a ray that impinge under an angle  $\phi < \psi^*5^\circ$  on the internal walls of the Solar Artery 551<sub>A</sub>, to emerge parallel to the projection on the  $\Pi$  of the ray incoming, so as to continue with sequential reflections (where the projection on the  $\Pi$  of each emerging ray is

30 parallel with the corresponding projection on the  $\Pi$  of the incoming ray) to impinge always on

the next points of incidence on the Internal Walls 555<sub>A</sub> with an angle that ensures the total reflection from the Curved Rectangular Prisms 556<sub>A</sub>.

The Rays A<sub>0</sub>K<sub>10</sub> of the Beam 053<sub>A</sub> which impinge with a lateral angle  $\varphi$  onto the Internal Walls (where on the projection as above e.g.  $\varphi < 5^\circ$  for  $n=1,5$ ), due to the lateral peculiarity of the total reflection, will emerge from their total reflection in the Curved Rectangular Prisms 556<sub>A</sub> towards the same side from where they entered and parallel (in the vertical projection of their routing) to the incident Ray A<sub>0</sub>K<sub>10</sub>. In this way even the Rays, which impinge laterally on the Internal Walls (but always with an angle  $\varphi$ , e.g.,  $-5^\circ < \varphi < 5^\circ$  for  $n=1,5$ ) will suffer successive total reflections, where the angle of incidence on the Internal Walls will be within the limits for the achievement of total reflection, since each time it emerges parallel (related to the vertical projection of its routing) with the incident ray, which thus maintains its relative location for total reflection always passing from the interior of the Circle  $\Pi_2 = (560_A)$  (something that ensures always that in the next point of contact with the Internal Wall 555<sub>A</sub> of the Solar Artery 551<sub>A</sub> will also have ensured Total Reflection).

On the contrary, without the corrective routing imposed by the Curved Rectangular Prisms 556<sub>A</sub> the Emerging Ray K<sub>20</sub>Δ<sub>0</sub> from the total reflection would divert from the parallel routing to the incident Ray AK<sub>10</sub>' (for the example of the Ray A<sub>0</sub>K<sub>1</sub>' with vertical incidence of its projection in the level  $\Pi$  at the Point K<sub>1</sub>' of the Internal Wall 555<sub>A</sub> of the Solar Artery) in each total reflection by an angle  $\varphi_1$  (for  $n=1,5$ ), where  $\varphi_1$  is the curvature-angle at the incidence point as is defined above (the same relation will also be valid for lateral incidence as above). After a number of total reflections, and due to the algebraic summing of the error of divergences as above, the reflected ray would come out of the limits of the borderline of the Entry Circle  $\Pi_1=561_A$ , in which limits we have total reflection, therefore this ray in the next incidence would not undergo total reflection on the Internal Walls of the Solar Artery and would come out (loss).

Consequently, in the case of the Solar Artery the Curved Rectangular Prisms 556<sub>A</sub> must impose a correction to the routing of the Emerging Ray K<sub>2</sub>'Δ (with left-handed rotation of K<sub>2</sub>'Δ) by an angle  $\varphi_1$  ( $1 \times \varphi_1$  instead of  $3 \times \varphi_1$  as in the parabolic reflectors above) in order for the projection of K<sub>20</sub>'Δ<sub>0</sub> described above to emerge parallel to the projection of incident Ray A<sub>0</sub>K<sub>10</sub>' (and the K<sub>2</sub>'Δ parallel to the AK<sub>1</sub>').

Therefore, the  $K_2K_2'$  should be rotated in left-handed orientation by  $\varphi_1/n$  (in the example with  $\varphi_1 = 1^\circ$  by  $1^\circ/1,5 = 0,667^\circ$ ), therefore the sides  $H_1\Theta$  and  $\Theta H_2$  of the conventional Rectangular Prism should be turned around the points  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  by  $(\varphi_1/4n)$  each one, the  $H_1\Theta$  right-handed and the  $\Theta H_2$  left-handed respectively (in the example with  $\varphi_1 = 1^\circ$  by  $1^\circ/4 \times 1,5 = 0,1667^\circ$ ). Thus, the sides of the Curved Rectangular Prisms  $556_A$  will have at each point  $K_1$  a curvature equal to  $\varphi_1/4n$  where  $\varphi_1$  the corresponding angle in each Point  $K_1'$  and  $n$  the index of refraction of the material of the Solar Artery (again it has been considered that  $\sin\varphi_3/\sin\varphi_4 = \varphi_3/\varphi_4 = n = 1,5$  due to the very small angles). Actually, the correction imposed even by the Curved Rectangular Prisms  $556_A$  for Rays that incident under a lateral angle is not 100% (that is the emerging ray is not completely parallel with the incidence ray), because differences in the required curvature depending on the removal of the total reflection points  $K_1, K_2$  from the central locations that correspond to the reflection of the vertical to the  $555_A$  incident ray. However, the correction that is imposed with the statistical mutual attenuation of the divergences up or down to the initial incidence-angle (dependant on if the second total reflection falls to the right or to the left from the ideal  $K_1$  or  $K_2$ ) gives the possibility to the Solar Arteries  $551_A$  to present losses of at least one order of magnitude smaller than the conventional Solar Pipes (Solar Tubes), which use reflective walls of total reflection, but with Rectangular (and no curved corrective) prisms of total reflection. Accordingly, for the same percentage of losses, e.g., 50% the Solar Arteries  $551_A$  will be able to transport the Solar Light at least one order of magnitude longer in a building for solar lighting, etc. (e.g., if a conventional Solar Pipe for 50% losses transports the Solar Light 50 meters, a Solar Artery with Curved Rectangular Prisms will transport it 500 meters or even more for the same level of losses).

As an alternative, in the Corrected Solar Artery  $551'_A$ , which is also constructed as the above-mentioned Corrected Solar Artery ( $551_A$ ) (and it bears structural elements with the same numbers but highlighted with tones) but it is characterized by the fact that the corrective route, which is imposed by the Curved Rectangular Prisms ( $556_A$ ) to the Emerging Ray  $K_{20}\Delta_0$  from the total reflection can impose a divergence from the Incident Ray  $A_0K_{10}'$  (for the example of the vector component Ray  $AK_{10}'$  with vertical incidence on the level  $\Pi$  at the point  $K_{10}'$  of the Internal Wall  $555_A$  of the Solar Artery) in each total reflection by an angle  $\varphi_1/4n \leq \varphi_2 < 3\varphi_1$ , e.g., for angle  $\varphi_4 = 3\varphi_1$  (with  $n = 1,5$  as in the case of the parabolic and paraboloidal reflectors in Section 1 above

and as it is shown in the Drawing 1b Detail A), where  $\varphi_1$  is the curvature-angle at the incidence point as it is defined above (the same relation will also be valid for lateral incidence as above) whereupon the  $K_2'\Delta$  does not emerge parallel to the  $AK_1'$  but converges to the Focus E as in the case of the parabolic and paraboloidal reflectors in Section 1 above. In this case, irrespective of the Solar Artery 551'<sub>A</sub>, the Curved Rectangular Prisms 556<sub>A</sub> must impose a correction on the routing of the Emerging Ray  $K_2'\Delta$  (with left-handed rotation of  $K_2'\Delta$ ) by an angle  $\varphi_4=3\varphi_1$  (as in parabolic reflectors above). Therefore, the  $K_2K_2'$  should be turned left-handed by  $2\varphi_1$  (in the example with  $\varphi_1 = 1^\circ$  by  $2^\circ$ ) and thus the sides  $H_1\Theta$  and  $\Theta H_2$  of the conventional Rectangular Prisms should be turned around the points  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  by  $\varphi_1/2$  each one, the  $H_1\Theta$  right-handed and the  $\Theta H_2$  left-handed respectively (in the example with  $\varphi_1 = 1^\circ$  by  $0,5^\circ$ ). That is, the sides of the Curved Rectangular Prisms 556<sub>A</sub> will have at each point  $K_1$  a curvature equal to  $\varphi_1/2$  where  $\varphi_1$  the corresponding angle in each Point  $K_1'$  and  $n$  the index of refraction of the material of the Solar Artery (again it has been considered that  $\sin\varphi_3/\sin\varphi_4 = \varphi_3/\varphi_4 = n = 1,5$  due to the very small angles).

The optical systems for the transportation of the visible part of the solar spectrum, which use conventional optical fibers (even high-quality fibers) for distances of the order of the 20-30 meters suffer from optical losses in the order of 50%, because it does not exist suitable material for all the wavelength range of the visible solar radiation spectrum (each material of optical fiber is tuned at a special wavelength, outside from which the optical losses increase vertically). On the contrary, all Narrow Beam of Rays 053<sub>A</sub> that enter the Walls 554<sub>A</sub> of the Artery 551<sub>A</sub> internally undergo total reflection by the external Curved Rectangular Prisms (556<sub>A</sub>) and emerge again from the internal side according to the laws of total internal reflection, as it is described below, and travel along the interior of the Artery (551<sub>A</sub>) inside the air with minimal losses compared to the conventional optical fibers constructed from the same quality transparent material (e.g. fused silica, super clear plastic optical fibers etc). Each reflected ray in the Solar Artery 551<sub>A</sub> after each total reflection travels in the interior 551<sub>A</sub> at least 10-100 times bigger length in the air than in the transparent optical material (dependant on the thickness of the Walls 554<sub>A</sub> and the Diameter 555<sub>A</sub> of the Artery 551<sub>A</sub>), decreasing thus its absorption losses by an equivalent factor.

Consequently, for same distances of transportation of the visible solar spectrum and the same construction material, the use of Solar Arteries 551<sub>A</sub> will decrease the optical losses in a

small percentage 5-10% or even smaller of the above reported losses of optical fibers, allowing thus the transport of the visible part of the solar spectrum 10 or 20 (or even more) times longer for the same level of losses.

The Solar Arteries 551<sub>A</sub> in combination with the Corner Elements 571<sub>A</sub> and Elements of Concentration or Distribution 581<sub>A</sub>, as described below, that allow the creation of a Collection-Network 590<sub>A</sub> and a Distribution-Network (590<sub>B</sub>) towards the corresponding Solar Lighting Fixtures 591<sub>A</sub> inside a building (the Lighting Fixtures 591<sub>A</sub> also can be provided with conventional lamps with dimmers for the compensation of the daily reduction of solar light, during the nights etc.).

The Solar Arteries 551<sub>A</sub> are implemented preferably in straight parts for biggest exploitation of the Opening-Angle  $\phi$  of the Entering Beam 053<sub>A</sub> (they can also accept changes of the angle of their routing-axis up to the limits that are allowed by the each-time achievement of total reflection). The requirements of a big change of direction along the routing (e.g. 90°) are implemented by the Corner Element 571<sub>A</sub>, which is constituted by the incoming and outgoing Solar Arteries 551<sub>A</sub> (fixed and rotated around their axis) and by one conventional Reflector 574<sub>A</sub> with high reflectivity for the Wide Beam 052<sub>A</sub> with an angle, e.g.,  $-45^\circ < \phi < 45^\circ$  or for the Narrow Beam 053<sub>A</sub> with an angle e.g.  $-5^\circ < \phi < +5^\circ$  a Total Reflection Reflector 575<sub>A</sub> with parallel Rectangular Prisms 576<sub>A</sub>, whose Top-Acmes 577<sub>A</sub> are parallel to the level that define the axes 578<sub>A</sub> and 579<sub>A</sub> of the Entry Parts 572<sub>A</sub> and Exit Parts 573<sub>A</sub>.

The Reflector 574<sub>A</sub> or the TRR 575<sub>A</sub> is placed under an angle of 45° to the axis 553<sub>A</sub> of the Solar Artery in order to change the direction of the transmitted Solar Beam 053<sub>A</sub> by 90°, but can change the placement-angle, e.g., to 50° for the achievement of a change of the direction of the Beam 053<sub>A</sub> by a double-angle, in this case by 100°.

The Corner Element 571<sub>A</sub> can be also implemented with a Prism 571'<sub>A</sub> of right-angle divergence made of a diffractive clear material or crystal or even water clear glass, which functions at  $-90^\circ < \phi < 90^\circ$ , imports however losses of reflection by the entrance and by the exit of the Beam 053<sub>A</sub>. For the entrance of many Beams 053<sub>A</sub> from various small Solar Arteries 551<sub>A</sub> in one bigger Solar Artery, it can be used the Multiple Corner Element 581<sub>A</sub> that has a Polygonal Reflective Surface 582<sub>A</sub> constituted from many TRR 575<sub>A</sub> each under an angle of 45° to the Axis 553<sub>A</sub> of the opposite Solar Artery 551<sub>A</sub>, and supported suitably on the perforated against the 551<sub>A</sub> Nutshell 583<sub>A</sub> by which 575<sub>A</sub> the Beams 053<sub>A</sub> from various Solar Arteries 551<sub>A</sub> with small

diameters enter into a bigger Solar Artery 561<sub>A</sub>, or reversely from a bigger Solar Artery 551'<sub>A</sub> they come out and are distributed into many smaller Solar Arteries arranged circularly under an angle of 90° to the Axis 553'<sub>A</sub> of the 551'<sub>A</sub>. The Multiple Corner Elements can be also materialized by the frustum-cone-shaped (internally) Prism 581'<sub>A</sub> from a material as the 571'<sub>A</sub>,  
 5 which, however, imposes an increase of the angle  $\phi$  and losses of reflection of entrance-exit.

Finally, for the subtraction of Solar Radiation from a bigger Solar Artery (551'<sub>A</sub>) to a smaller one (551<sub>A</sub>), a Subtraction Corner Element 571'<sub>A</sub> is used. Subtraction Corner element 571'<sub>A</sub> is constituted by a circular Conventional Reflector 574'<sub>A</sub> or TRR 575'<sub>A</sub> that it is placed under an angle of 45° inside the bigger Solar Artery 551'<sub>A</sub> and sends the reflected, under a corner  
 10 of 90°, Solar Beam 053<sub>A</sub> through the lateral Circular-Opening 562<sub>A</sub> into the smaller Solar Artery 551<sub>A</sub> that begins with a diameter equal with the diameter of the Opening 562<sub>A</sub>.